



YVETTE HIGHSMITH FRANCIS

As a Regional Vice President at Community Health Center, Inc. (CHCI's), she has been very instrumental during the Covid 19 pandemic. Yvette worked to support the transition of CHCI's primary care services to a telehealth model. This included CHCI's school-based health services to ensure that thousands of CT school age children still had access to their behavioral health services that had been delivered in school buildings. Yvette facilitated several webinar sessions to share CHCI's best practice with other organizations across the country. She was also a lead in the team that stood up drive through Covid 19 testing in over 19 locations across the state and is a key player in ensuring that CT residents have access to the Covid 19 vaccine through mass vaccination drive through locations as well as mobile, community-based vaccine clinics. Yvette serves as a trusted messenger to communities of color in raising awareness of the Covid pandemic and in addressing vaccine access.